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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF GORDON KERR

TO NEWLIN FROM BLAKE

1. GORDON KERR, CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, WILL BE IN JERUSALEM NEXT WEEK AS A PART OF A LONGER TRIP TO ISRAEL WHICH WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO "BOTH MILITARY FRONTS". KERR, WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN DEALING EXTENSIVELY ON UNESCO IN CONNECTION WITH BINGHAM/CASE AMENDMENT WHICH DENIED FUNDS TO UNESCO UNTIL PROGRESS MADE IN REVERSING ANTI-ISRAEL ACTIONS, IS ANXIOUS TO SEE JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS AND MAKE JUDGMENTS ON WHAT REAL SITUATION IS THERE AND WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED OF ISRAELIS IN THAT REGARD.

2. I HAVE FOUND KERR TO BE VERY BRIGHT AND WORTHY OF CONFIDENCE. HE IS ANXIOUS TO TALK WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN GIVE HIM RIGHT QUESTIONS TO ASK RE EXCAVATIONS. I TOLD HIM I KNEW NO ONE BETTER THAN YOU, AND HE DELIGHTED WITH IDEA OF
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TALKING WITH YOU. HOWEVER, HE WOULD PREFER TO TAKE INITI-

ACTIVE IN GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOU AT DIPLOMATICALLY APPROPRIATE TIME. I AM SURE YOU WILL HEAR FROM HIM. BEST REGARDS. KISSINGER

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